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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Toshiaki TAKENAKA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2827
Serial No.: 09/928,966) Examiner: JOSE H. ALCALA
Filed: August 14, 2001)
For: CIRCUIT BOARD AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING SAME)

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 23, 2003, wherein the Examiner required restriction between Group I - Claims 1-15, drawn to a printed circuit board and Group II - Claims 16-37, drawn to a method of making a printed circuit board, Applicants elect without traverse, **Group I** - claims 1-15 and **Species 2**: Embodiment of Figure 2D, for initial prosecution on the merits. Please cancel claims 16-37, without prejudice.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 16-37, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this

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conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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